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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF S&T AGREEMENT (01.00)

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5241, (B) MOSCOW 6639

1. WE DO NOT YET HAVE ALL REQUISITE APPROVALS FOR S&T AGREEMENT EXTENSION ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MORRIS/AYKAZYAN TALKS (REF A) TO PREPARE THE WAY AS WELL AS POSSIBLE. THIS MESSAGE UPDATES FOR EMBASSY AND MORRIS TENTATIVE PLANNING ON AGREEMENT TEXT AND SIGNING ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SIMULTANEOUS SIGNING (PREVIOUSLY USED FOR DECEMBER, 1975 SIGNING OF US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT) WILL INVOLVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN WASHINGTON, ONE ENGLISH AND ONE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE ORIGINAL IN US VARIATION (REFERENCES TO US PRECEDE THOSE TO USSR); IN MOSCOW, ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN ORIGINALS WOULD HAVE SAME TEXT WITH COUNTRY REFERENCES IN REVERSE ORDER. IN ADDITION TO ACCURACY OF TRANSLATION, IDENTICALITY OF TEXTS USED IN SEPARATE CAPITALS MUST OF COURSE ALSO BE ASSURED. REQUEST MORRIS DISCUSS WITH AYKAZYAN OPTIONS FOR

PREPARATION AND COMPARISON OF FINAL DOCUMENTS.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO MORRIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, QUESTION OF ARTICLE 7 PARA 3 HAS BEEN RESOLVED AT INTER-DEPARTMENTAL GROUP LEVEL AND LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY OSTP IS ACCEPTABLE. FOR REASONS OF CONSISTENCY, HOWEVER, SINCE OSTP AND SCST ARE NOT IDENTIFIED UNTIL PARA 6 OF ARTICLE 7 WE SUGGEST EITHER THAT PARA 3 USE ONLY "EXECUTIVE AGENTS," OR THAT SENTENCE BE MOVED TO ARTICLE 7 PARA 6 AFTER OSTP AND SCST ARE DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE AGENTS. IN LATTER CASE, ARTICLE 7 PARAS WOULD BE RENUMBERED 1-5. WOULD APPRECIATE SOVIET VIEWS.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, PLEASE NOTE US POSITION THAT REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC OFFICES IS PREFERABLE TO INITIAL SOVIET SUGGESTION OF TERM, "THE COMMISSION." OUR REASONS FOLLOW FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PURPOSE OF THIS PROPOSAL IS TO ENGAGE GOOD OFFICES OF OSTP AND SCST AS ENTITIES WITH SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO LINE MINISTRIES OR DEPARTMENTS IN RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. THE COMMISSION ITSELF DOES NOT HAVE SUCH STATUS VIS-A-VIS OTHER JOINT COMMITTEES. FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT SEE IN PRACTICE HOW THE COMMISSION COULD OPERATE TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS IN TIMELY FASHION WHERE STRICTLY NATIONAL CONCERNS ARE INVOLVED.
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